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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08. No copy of the United States reference is enclosed.

Reference No. WO03/038876 is cited in the specification and is equivalent to United States Patent No. 6,849,874. The Lendenmann article listed on page 2 of Form PTO/SB/08 is also cited in the specification. Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/JP2005/005585. The International Search Report dated 14 June, 2005, for the underlying PCT application identified the remaining references listed on Form PTO/SB/08.

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Copies of these references are submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement. Only an abstract of the Bondokov article is provided herein. The degree of relevance for the non-English language references listed on Form PTO/SB/08 is indicated in the International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted before a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

Respectfully submitted, THE WEBB LAW FIRM

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